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Duvet Cover

The present invention relates to a duvet cover.

Duvets are nowadays very popular and in widespread use. Generally, however, it is a relatively time-consuming and relatively difficult exercise to apply the usual cover to the
5 duvet.

I have now devised a duvet cover which is of simple construction yet easy to apply to a duvet.

In accordance with the present invention, there is provided a duvet cover which comprises an underside panel and
10 an upperside panel, the upperside panel being joined to the underside panel along their top edges and part-way along their side edges, and a further panel or band joined to the bottom edge and part-way along the side edges of the underside panel, the upperside panel being provided, adjacent its bottom edge
15 and side edges, with fastening means to engage complementary fastening means adjacent the edges of said further panel or on said band.

In the embodiment where the further panel is provided, this further panel forms, with the underside panel, an envelope.
20 into which the bottom portion of the duvet is to be inserted. The top portion of the duvet can then be inserted into the envelope formed by the top portions of the underside and upperside panels. The bottom portion of the upperside panel is then laid over the further panel and the fastening means
25 used to hold it in position.

Preferably the top edge of the further panel is spaced from the points where the joins between the side edges of the underside and upperside panels terminate. Preferably flaps are joined to the opposite edges of the underside panel, in the
30 spaces between the top edge of the further panel and the terminations of the joins between the side edges of the underside and upperside panel.

In use, these flaps can be folded inwardly, over the upperside of the duvet, before the bottom portion of the
35 upperside panel is closed over the duvet and further panel. The flaps thus cover the otherwise-exposed edges of the duvet

at those locations. The flaps may comprise separate pieces attached to the underside panel, or may comprise extensions of the underside panel.

Embodiments of the present invention will now be described by way of examples only and with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:

FIGURE 1 is an isometric view of a first embodiment of duvet cover in accordance with the invention, shown with the duvet inserted but prior to closure;

FIGURE 2 shows the duvet cover of Figure 1 at successive stages during the insertion of the duvet; and

FIGURE 3 shows a second embodiment of duvet cover at successive stages during insertion of the duvet.

Referring to Figures 1 and 2, there is shown a cover 10 for a duvet D. The cover comprises a rectangular underside panel 12 and a panel 14 which overlies the lower half of the underside panel 12, being joined to the underside panel along their bottom and side edges. The panel 14 forms, with the underside panel 12, an envelope which is open along its top edge, to receive the lower half of the duvet D.

The cover 10 further comprises a rectangular upperside panel 16 which overlies the underside panel 12 and the panel 14: the upperside panel 16 is joined to the underside panel 12 along their top edges and part way along their side edges, starting at the top and stopping before reaching the top edge of the panel 14. Flaps 18 are joined to the side edges of the underside panel 12, in the gaps between the top edge of the panel 14 and the point where the joins between the upperside panel 16 and the underside panel 12 stop: the flaps 18 are arranged to be folded inwardly, as shown in Figure 2(b). Adjacent the remainder of the side edges of the upperside panel 16, and adjacent its bottom edge, a series of fasteners 20 (e.g. pop studs) are provided, to engage a complementary series of fasteners 22 provided on the panel 14 and flaps 18, adjacent their bottom and side edges.

In use, and as shown in Figure 2(a), the upperside panel 16 is folded back towards the top of the cover and the

flaps 18 are folded outwardly to the opposite sides of the cover. Then the bottom half of the duvet D is inserted into the envelope formed by the panel 14 and underside panel 12. Next the upper half of the duvet D is inserted into the
 5 envelope, provided at the top end of the cover, by the upperside panel 16 and underside panel 12: this stage is shown in Figure 1. The flaps 18 are then folded inwardly, as shown in Figure 2(b), to lie on the upperside of the duvet D. Finally, the bottom half of the upperside panel 16 is laid over
 10 the panel 14 and fastened in position, along its side and bottom edges, using the fasteners 20, 22. Figure 2(c) shows the cover 10 when fully closed about the duvet.

Figure 3 shows a second embodiment of duvet cover 20, which is similar to the duvet cover 10 shown in Figures 1 and
 15 2 except that the flaps 18 are dispensed with and the panel 14 is replaced by a narrow band or strip 24 which extends across the bottom edge of the cover and along the two side edges, to the points where the joins between the upperside panel 16 and underside panel 12 stop. The band or strip 24 overlies the
 20 underside panel 12 and is either joined to the bottom and side edges of the panel 12 or is formed by a margin of the panel 12 folded over onto itself. As in the duvet cover 10 of Figures 1 and 2, the upperside panel 16 has a series of fasteners (not shown) provided adjacent its bottom and side edges, to engage
 25 complementary fasteners 22 provided on the band or strip 24.

In use of the duvet cover shown in Figure 2, the top end of the duvet is inserted into the envelope formed by the top ends of the underside panel 12 and upperside panel 16. The bottom end of the duvet is laid over the underside panel and
 30 its edges tucked under the band or strip 24. Finally, the bottom half of the upperside panel is laid over the bottom end of the duvet and fastened in position, along its bottom and side edges, using the fasteners 20, 22.

It will be appreciated that the duvet covers which have
 35 been described are of simple construction yet make it particularly easy to apply to duvets.

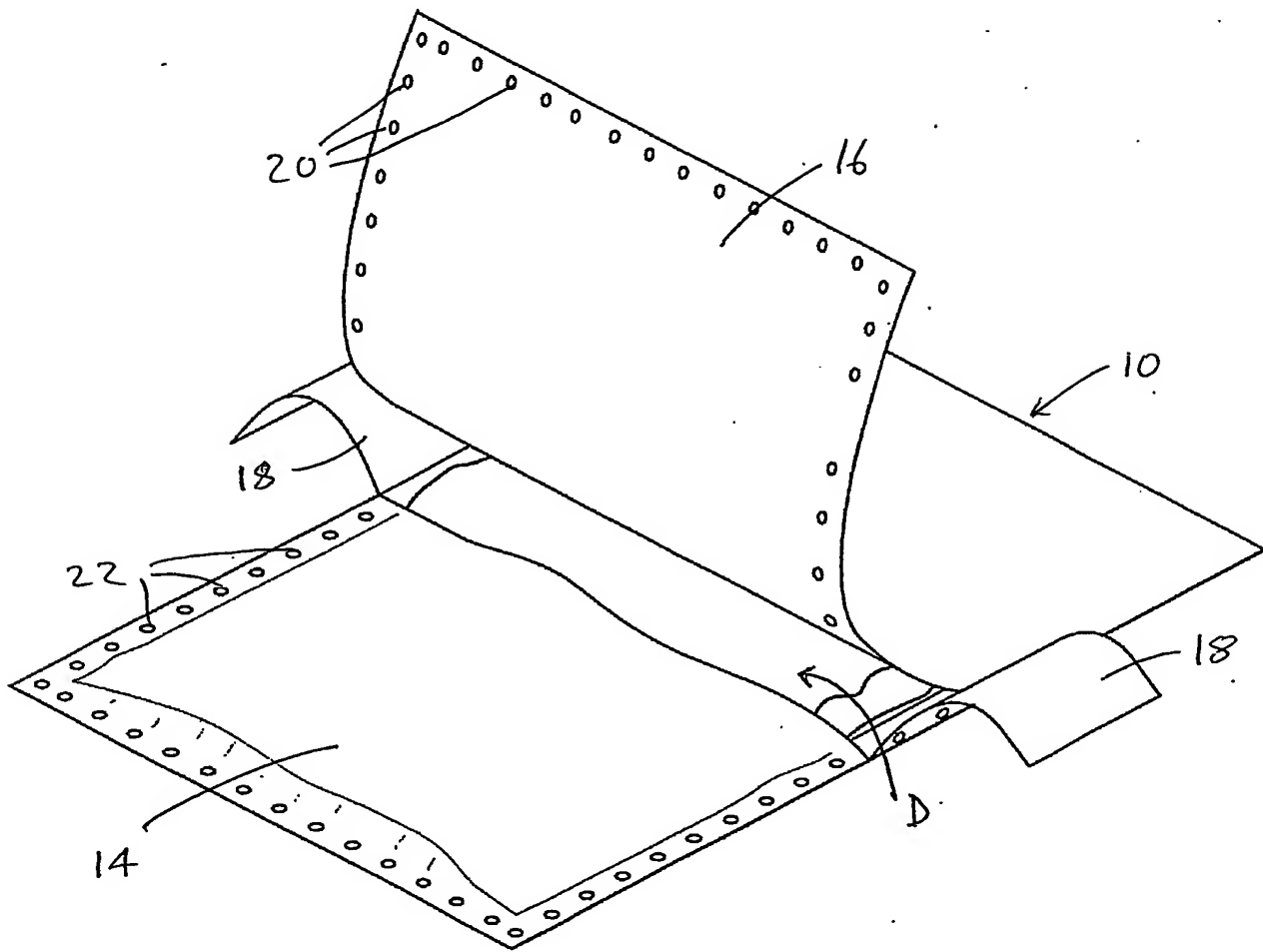


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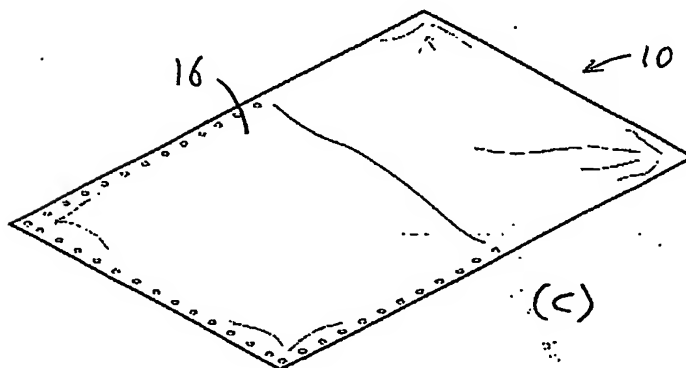
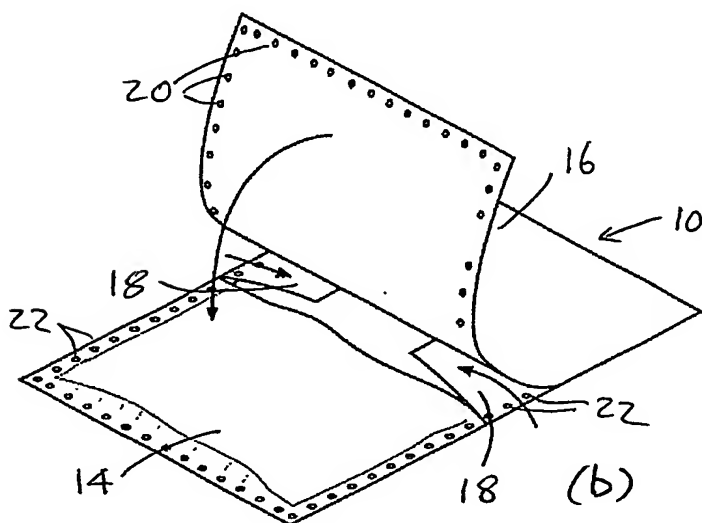
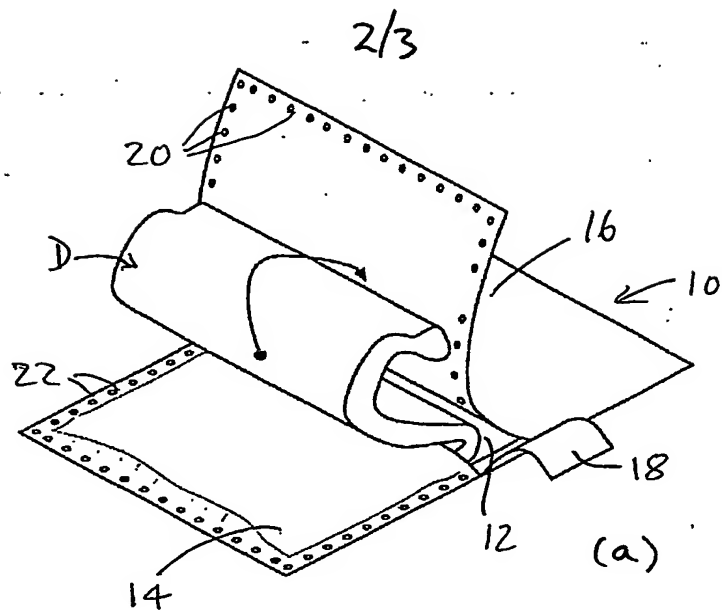


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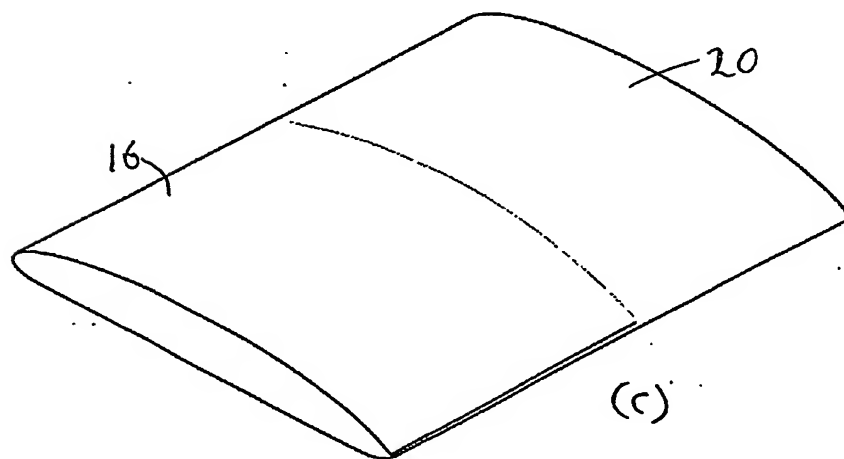
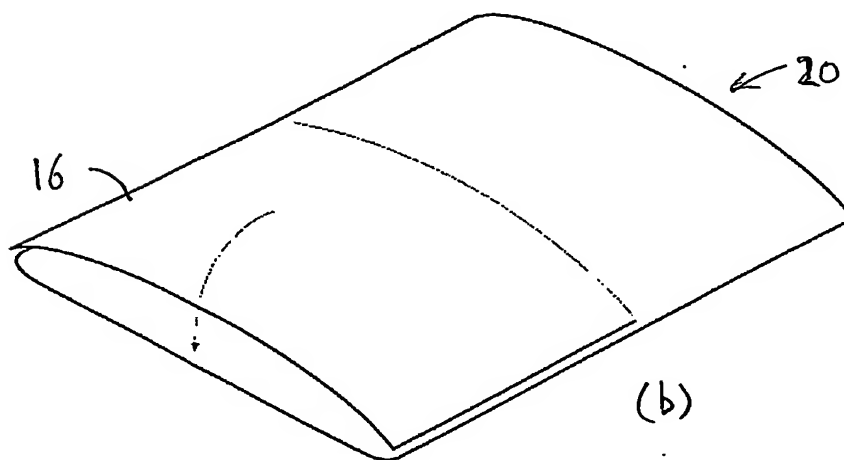
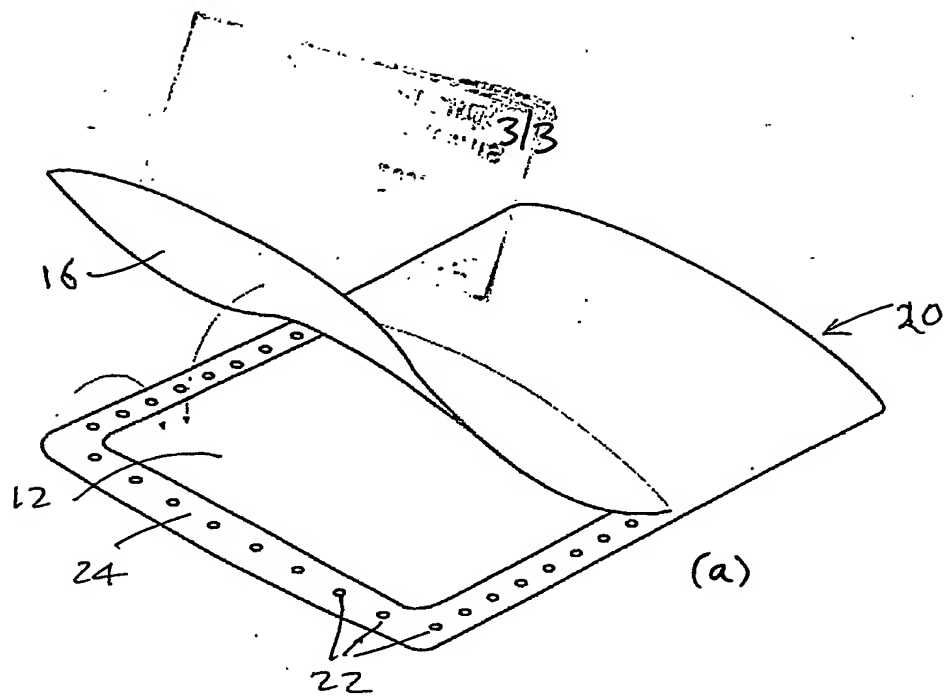


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